

I fully recognize that proposing to expand the PSOB program—even if narrowly—is controversial. But I also believe that such an expansion is necessary. In the future, I hope to reach agreement with my friends in the first responder community on a way to protect the families of volunteers, like Mr. Durant, who lose their lives protecting the citizens of this Nation.

I also pledge to continue working with them to ensure that the DoJ addresses their justifiable concerns with the administration of the PSOB program.

As a nation, we owe it to our first responders—whether career or volunteer—to care for their families when they have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect us. While I regret that the Federal Government has not fulfilled this obligation to Janine Durant and her family, I am committed to ensuring that our Nation treats its heroes honorably.

Mr. Durant was an ordinary American who did extraordinary things. Having already served his country in combat, having work and family obligations, he made the extra effort to serve his community, and lost his life in the process.

We are all poorer for his death, but we can redeem it by providing equitable treatment for the families of other volunteers who may perish while serving the public good.●

TRIBUTE TO MARTIN HANSON

● Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I would like to commemorate the life of the great Wisconsin conservationist Martin Hanson. Wisconsin lost one of the best environmental stewards of the last century on October 22 when Martin passed away in beautiful northern Wisconsin. I join so many other Wisconsinites, and conservationists nationwide, in paying tribute to Martin Hanson's memory.

Martin Hanson dedicated his life to protecting the Wisconsin landscape he loved. His legacy will carry on for many years to come in the peaceful shorelines, deep forests, and shimmering lakes of our State. Thanks to Martin's tireless work, future generations of Wisconsinites will fall in love with the great outdoors just as he did.

The Apostle Islands, a great Wisconsin treasure along Lake Superior, have been kept nearly pristine because of his environmental advocacy. Like so many other Wisconsinites, I travel to the Apostle Islands as often as I can to enjoy the spectacular scenery. Wisconsin has Martin Hanson, as well as Gaylord Nelson, to thank for protecting this Wisconsin treasure. The work of these two giants of Wisconsin's conservation movement helped make possible my own efforts to preserve the Apostle Islands and designate almost 80 percent of them as federally protected wilderness.

Generations of Wisconsinites are indebted to Martin Hanson, who was a

key architect of our State's tradition of environmental conservation. So today I honor his memory, celebrate his extraordinary life, and give thanks for his outstanding legacy.●

TRIBUTE TO BILL QUINBY

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, there are few more accomplished citizens of Iowa than Bill—William—Quinby. I use the word "citizen" on purpose because along with his wife Janice, Bill's life continues to be a model of ideal citizenship and embodies what it means to be an Iowan.

Bill has spent his life living by a simple mantra: work hard and give back. In college at the University of Iowa, Bill was a two-time letter winner in baseball as an athlete and again in football as a team manager. He used these experiences to help his community, and for 11 years he served as an educator in the Cedar Rapids School District in various positions as an athletic director, teacher, and principal. After a stint in the private sector, he later served as the director of career counseling and as the athletics director at Coe College, one of Iowa's finest small colleges. Along with these years of service to his community, Bill also served for years as a high school, college, and professional football official, serving in such big games as the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, and Super Bowl XIX.

Yet despite this impressive career, I know that Bill would tell you that he is just as proud, if not more so, of his combined 150 years of service on boards and commissions of various charitable organizations in his community. Some of these groups include the Hawkeye Area Boy Scouts, the Cedar Rapids Jaycees, the Cedar Rapids Community Theater, Habitat for Humanity, the Cedar Rapids Community Free Clinic, and the Cedar Rapids Board of Ethics in Government.

I would be remiss if I did not emphasize the large amount of time that Bill has put into a cause that is also close to my heart. As a volunteer for the Special Olympics, Bill has been fighting for equality for persons with disabilities. While the legislative work in Washington can help create a more equal legal framework, the work of volunteers like Bill is what allows equality to emerge in practice.

To honor these services to the community, Bill was recently awarded the University of Iowa's Lifetime Achievement award. Congratulations, Bill. And let me extend to you heartfelt thanks for your inspiration and work to better eastern Iowa.

I ask to have an article about Bill from the August 27, 2008, Cedar Rapids Gazette printed in the RECORD.

The material follows.

QUINBY GIVES LIFETIME OF SERVICE

[From the Cedar Rapids Gazette, Aug. 27, 2008]

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Bill Quinby once punched in the stomach a Minnesota football fan who

was pestering Iowa Coach Forest Evashevski, thus earning the nickname "Punchy" from the appreciative head coach.

But that's not why he'll receive a lifetime achievement award from the University of Iowa on Saturday when the Hawkeyes host Maine.

Quinby, 76, will be honored for his lifetime of community service in Cedar Rapids and the surrounding area. That punch during a Big Ten game at Minnesota in 1952 is just one of the many stories he has from a lifetime of memories as an educator, Big Ten and NFL referee, philanthropist, public servant, and all-around good guy.

Quinby will be saluted Saturday along with retired Air Force Gen. Donald J. Kutyna, who had a distinguished military career. Quinby marvels at the company he's in: A working-class kid from Cedar Rapids and a decorated U.S. general.

"Let's put it this way," he said Wednesday. "I'm humbled as hell. And honored."

Quinby's many friends and admirers will tell you it's a well-deserved award and has little to do with his work as a Big Ten football official for 13 years or his service as an NFL referee for 17 years. Rather, it's a tribute to all the help he's given others.

He's served on the board of directors for the Hawkeye Area Boy Scouts, Cedar Rapids Jaycees, Cedar Rapids Community Theatre, Cedar Rapids Kids League Baseball, Cedar Rapids Sports Club, Cedar Rapids Professional Baseball Club, Cerebral Palsy Association, Arc of Eastern Iowa, Cedar Rapids Kernels Foundation, Cedar Rapids Ice Arena, Camp Courageous, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, National Shrine Athletic Committee, and the Linn Area Credit Union. He's served on the Regional Planning Commission, the Cedar Rapids Recreation Commission, the Five Seasons Facility Commission, the Civil Service Commission, and the Cedar Rapids Board of Ethics in Government.

"I always felt it was best to help people who possibly needed help," he said. "I mean, look at how lucky I've been. I truly feel very good about being born here, raised here and I've lived here all my life. Look how good it's been for me."

Quinby and his wife, Janis, have been married for 53 years. They have four children and nine grandchildren, although one of their children, Billy, died tragically in a traffic accident as a young man.

Quinby was an accomplished athlete at Franklin High School in Cedar Rapids, but three knee operations prevented him from playing football at Iowa. He received two varsity letters in baseball with the Hawkeyes and got two varsity letters in football as the team's manager, which is why he was at Evashevski's side when that unruly Minnesota fan left his seat behind the UI bench and confronted Evashevski, claiming players were obstructing his view of the field.

Quinby, who did a little boxing in college, rushed to Evashevski's side and slugged the guy a couple of times in the stomach, making him double over in pain. "Thanks," Evashevski said after the game.

"See how lucky I've been to be around?" Quinby said with a smile. "For a guy that grew up at Daniels Park and was nothing at Iowa, I feel very lucky."●

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL BRUCE CARLSON

● Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize GEN Bruce Carlson, one of our most distinguished commanders who will retire from the U.S. Air Force on January 1, 2009, after

completing 37 years of distinguished service to our Nation.

General Carlson currently serves as the Commander of the Air Force Materiel Command—AFMC—in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH. As Commander of AFMC, General Carlson manages the command's 77,000 people in research, development, test, and evaluation while providing the acquisition management services and logistics support required to develop, procure, and sustain Air Force weapon systems. His workforce of active duty, civilian, and contractor personnel are the unsung heroes, managing an annual budget of over \$56 billion, more than 40 percent of the total AF budget, and ensuring our warfighters are equipped with the best equipment in the world.

General Carlson was born in Hibbing, MN, and began his accomplished career in 1971 when he graduated as a "Distinguished Graduate" from the Air Force ROTC program at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. From the day he pinned on his butter bars through his four silver stars, Gen Bruce Carlson has been a leader and continues to lead and mentor airmen in the air and on the ground.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota, he went on to undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma—a base I know well and the finest pilot training base in the U.S. His first assignment out of pilot training was in the F-4 Phantom II and then he transitioned into the OV-10 Bronco and A-10 Warthog. During his career he logged over 3,300 flying hours to include combat time in the OV-10. His work ethic and unparalleled skill resulted in his posting to positions of influence in the offices of the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretary of Defense. His skill as a pilot and a leader led to various flying assignments, including commanding the 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air Force Base, NM, the Air Force's first stealth fighter wing.

As with every great officer, his star continued to rise as he met every promotion with dedication and integrity. Moving on to serve as the Director of Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment on the Joint Staff and finally, prior to assuming Command of AFMC, General Carlson served as the Commander, 8th Air Force, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana and Joint Functional Component Commander for Space and Global Strike, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt AFB, NE.

General Carlson has received several distinguished awards including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the 2007 Order of the Sword, Air Force Materiel Command. He was also awarded master's degrees from Webster University in St. Louis, MO, and the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

In the Chief of Staff's recommendation for the Order of the Sword, Gen-

eral Schwarz wrote, "General Carlson culminates a distinguished career of more than 37 years of Air Force service, with focused leadership, a selfless commitment to excellence and tireless dedication. His vision and leadership transformed Air Force Materiel Command into the preeminent provider of war-winning capabilities . . ." I cannot agree more. In an era of persistent conflict and constrained budgets, General Carlson's dedication to making sure the warfighter has what he needs to fight and win is inspiring.

I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to Gen Bruce Carlson, his wife Vicki, and his three children, Bryan, Jani, and Scott. The strength of our airmen is in their families, and their support allowed him to dedicate 37 years of leadership and service to the men and women of the Air Force and our country. I wish him and his family well in all his future endeavors. ●

TRIBUTE TO PABLO RAUL ALARCON

● Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, today I honor the life of Pablo Raul Alarcon. His dedication and achievements in overcoming the tyranny of the Castro regime to found the largest publicly traded Hispanic-controlled media company in America stands as a powerful example of the realization of the American dream. While we mourn the passing of this broadcasting pioneer, we celebrate his legacy and the profound impact his life has had on the United States.

Today, the Spanish Broadcasting System owns and operates 20 radio stations across the country, including the No. 1 Spanish-language radio station in America—which I have the privilege of listening to when I am home in New Jersey. They own a popular television station and operate a bilingual Web site dedicated to Latino culture and news. Under the exemplary leadership of Mr. Alarcon's son, Raul Alarcon, Jr., SBS continues to be the gold standard in Hispanic-operated broadcasting.

The Alarcons were born in Cuba, where Pablo Raul Alarcon founded his first radio station in 1951. He found success creating a network of 14 stations across the country, which were ultimately seized by the Castro dictatorship. The Alarcons fled to America with few possessions. But the tyranny of Castro could not crush the spirit of their entrepreneurship. Mr. Alarcon worked his way up in Spanish language radio, doing programming, sales, and advertising. In 1983 Mr. Alarcon and his son, Raul Alarcon, Jr., fulfilled their long-held dream of once again owning a broadcast station. They purchased a small AM station licensed in my home State and created the first Spanish language format to be introduced into the New York/New Jersey market in over 25 years.

Since 1983, the Alarcons have overseen the expansion of SBS to become one of the premier Hispanic-controlled

broadcast companies in America. Soon after its founding, SBS expanded to Los Angeles and Miami. In 1993, their KLAX-FM station achieved a historic overall No. 1 ranking in southern California.

As the torch was passed from father to son, SBS continued its rise. In 1999, SBS completed the second largest IPO in radio history and continued expanding their network of broadcast stations. That same year, SBS went online with the purchase of lamusica.com. In 2001, SBS produced a sell-out Madison Square Garden charity concert to honor the victims of September 11. In 2006, SBS entered the television broadcasting business with the creation of the MEGA-TV network.

Raul Alarcon, Jr., is well known for his tremendous successes as the president and CEO of SBS. He has been recognized as one of the 100 most influential Hispanics and as one of the 40 most powerful people in radio. In 1994, Raul Alarcon, Jr., was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence. In 1995, he received both the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the Human Rights Committee Radio Contributions Award. He has testified before Congress and his position as an authority in the field of minority media ownership is unparalleled.

There is no doubt that the Alarcons exhibit the embodiment of the American dream. When a cruel dictatorship destroyed their life's work, they came to America and started over by creating a company that impacts the lives of millions of Americans. So I am pleased to pay tribute to the Spanish Broadcasting System, to honor the passing of Pablo Raul Alarcon, and to recognize the tremendous achievement of Raul Alarcon, Jr., in carrying on his father's legacy. ●

RECOGNIZING KATE'S HOMEMADE BUTTER

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, today I recognize Kate's Homemade Butter of Old Orchard Beach, ME, a family-owned company whose attention to detail and excellence recently earned it the top honors at the World Dairy Expo, also known as the Academy Awards of the dairy industry.

Kate's Homemade Butter is a dairy farm that is recognized worldwide for producing slow-churned butter. The recipe for fresh homemade butter has been passed down for four generations, dating back to the early 1900s. In 1981, Daniel Patry, founder and president of Kate's Homemade Butter, unleashed his family secret and developed it into an award-winning, profitable business. In 2005, Daniel's son Lucas joined the company to continue a family tradition.

The Patry family is committed to maintaining the degree of quality that originated back in the early 1900s. They have stayed true to their grandfather, Alphonse Hemond, who passed down the family secrets to his son, Roland Hemond. Daniel Patry, learned